## Call for C. P. A. Convention Issued

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Brooklyn, April 10.—Patrick F. Scanlan, Managing Editor of The Tablet and president of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, has sent out the first call for the annual convention of the Association, May 15 and 16 in St. Louis.

Headquarters will be at the commodious Statler Hotel, says Mr. Scanlan's letter to the Catholic editors, and reservation cards will be sent out before the end of April.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Louis will welcome the members to the city, the letter continues, and an attractive program for the business sessions is being prepared while plans for special social and recreational events also are being made.

LEPERS IN PHILIPPINE

Rome, April 1.—How Monsignor Piani, Apostolic Delegate to the Philippine Islands, visited the leper colony maintained by the American Government on the island of Culion, is described in recent reports reaching here. The visit was no mere perfunctory and formal affair; the Apostolic Delegate remained on the island for four days, the time being devoted to work for the welfare of the unfortunates there segregated.

Culion is a small island having an area of 30Q square kilometers situated between Luzon on the North and Palawan to the South. It was taken by the Government in 1907 for use as a leper colony where those suffering from that disease in various parts of the Philippines might be concentrated and given treatment and care. At present there are about 5,200 lepers on the island. Their spiritual care is entrusted to the Jesuits who are assisted in the hospitals by the French Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres. The Government supports the colony, supplies food and medicine, pays doctors, nurses and other employees and is represented on the island by a Director who has administrative and judicial powers.

**Greeting at Leper Colony**

The Apostolic Delegate and his party left Manila on the coastal ship Basilan. The party included the Delegate's Secretary and the Superior of the Jesuits in the Philippines At Culion, which they reached after a twenty-four hour voyage, they were greeted by Dr. Joseph Avellana Basa, Director of the Colony; by members of the American medical staff on the island; two Jesuits stationed there; a group of the Sisters and a crowd of boys, girls, clerks, workmen and other persons who are not lepers but who are engaged in one kind of work or another on the island.

After making a solemn entry into the leper colony the Delegate was escorted in procession as far as the Church. There he intoned the Te Deum, the responses being provided by a choir of lepers, and then imparted the Eucharistic Benediction. Monsignor Piani told those who were gathered in the Church for the services that he had been sent to Culion by the Pope to console and bless the lepers.

Next morning the Delegate celebrated Mass and distributed Communion to the lepers. Several hundred persons received. The inhabitants of Culion are noted for their piety and for the frequency with which they approach the Sacraments One missionary says 116,000 Communions or more than 300 a day are distributed there in a year. Through a proxy the Delegate acted as godfather to two leper orphans to whom he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Two consecutive evenings were given over by the Delegate to visits to the seven pavilions, hospitals and houses entrusted to the care of the Jesuits and the Sisters. The Delegate passed from one bed to another distributing gifts of tobacco, sweets, medals and pictures. Business houses and charitable persons in Manila had supplied the gifts which he distributed.

*Concert Given by Lepers*

A unique feature of the Delegate's visit was a musical entertainment organized by the lepers under the direction of one of the Jesuit Fathers The selections included: "Long Live the Pope," "The Leper's Lament," "Compassion," and Gounod's "Pontifical Hymn." A reception was also tendered the Delegate at the residence of the Director-General at which the twelve physicians composing the medical staff, the nurses, and other employees of the Colony were present. When the Delegate expressed his appreciation of the courteous treatment accorded him he took occasion to repeat some of the words in which the Pope recently told a delegation of physicians from the Argentine that their curing mission applies not only to the body but to the entire man and that, therefore, their profession is a truly missionary one.

## Pope Says No People Are More Welcome In Rome Than Irish

Dublin, April 1.—Recounting the details of his recent audience with the Pope, Archbishop Gilmartin of Tuam, County Galway, says: "I was able to inform him that notwithstanding what Ireland has passed through for some years there has been no diminution in the faith and piety which have always distinguished the Irish people. The Holy Father was delighted when I told him that there were never so many young people going to the Sacraments as at present. And when I stated that we had comparative peace, His Holiness prayed that it might be a lasting peace for his Irish children.

"The Pope, a profound scholar, then talked of Patrick and Columanus, and asked if many people from Erin would come to Rome for the Holy Year. When I replied that our National Pilgrimage would arrive in September or October the eyes of the Holy Father brightened. 'No' people in the wide Catholic world', he exclaimed, 'are more welcome to Rome than the people of Ireland.'"

## Archbishop Messmer Forbids Burial Rites In Secular Cemetery

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).

Milwaukee, April 4.—Archbishop Messmer, in a communication sent to the priests of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee through the Vicar-General, Monsignor Traudt, has issued a warning that Catholic funeral rites will be permitted in the future in Catholic cemeteries only. Only two exceptions are made to this rule; one in the case of converts whose Protestant relatives have a lot in a secular cemetery; and the other in the case of Catholics whose families acquired lots in secular cemeteries prior to 1853.

The letter which was read from the pulpits of all parishes in the Archdiocese, explained that the of commerical cemeteries during the past few years had made it necessary to call attention of Catholics to the following facts:

"That the appropriate place in which to bury the bodies of faithful Catholics is the Catholic cemetery.

"That a Catholic priest is not permitted to go and will not go to the grave of a deceased Catholic to be buried in a non-Catholic cemetery to bless the grave and officiate at the services.

"That the Catholic cemetery is not and cannot be a burial park but is God's acre to which the faithful may come to pray at the graves of the deceased."

## Cincinnati Business Men Back Fort Scott Boys' Camp Project

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cincinnati, April 10.—A strong Fort Scott Camp Association of Catholic business and professional men has just been organized here to back the Fort Scott camp operated for the last two years under the guidance of the Rev. Francis A. Gressle, director of the Bureau of Catholic Charities. The Association also will work for greater interest among boys in wholesome camp life during their summer vacation. Father Gressle is secretary of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men.

Walter A. Ryan, an attorney, was chosen president; Albert R. Hoffman, first vice president; Vincent G. Ruthemeyer second vice-president; E. A. Rooney, secretary and Herman W. Santen treasurer. Father Gressle remains director, with Father R. M. Wagner as his assistant. A medical advisor and a strong board of directors also were chosen.

Situated at New Baltimore, only about twenty miles from Cincinnati, the camp is an ideal summer spot for boys. There are tent houses, and a large new concrete swimming pool has just been constructed. A new athletic field will give it three baseball diamonds and room for other sports. Last year 500 boys spent their vacations at the camp, and plans are being made to care for a much larger number this year.

## Site Of McKinley's Home Will Be Used For Mercy Hospital

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Canton, April 6.—The site of the former home of the late President McKinley in this city will become the location of a portion of a new and modern Mercy Hospital, according to plans of Bishop Joseph Schrembs and the Sisters of Charity in charge of the hospital.

The institution now uses the old McKinley home as an annex but the purchase of additional property will enable construction of a hospital second to none.

The home of the former president will be removed from its present site to one adjoining the national memorial to McKinley in the western section of the city. The old building retains many of the McKinley possessions.

## St. Joseph Sisters' Chaplain To Make Holy Year Visit

St. Paul, April 6.—The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Guillot, Chaplain of the Provincial House and Novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet here, will leave April 16 for a Holy Year visit to Rome. Monsignor Guillot will be in Rome in time to attend the ceremony of the canonization of the Blessed Jean Baptiste Vianney, known as the "Cure of Ars" on May 31. As a child in France, Monsignor Guillot once had the privilege of seeing the noted Cure, then living the life of a simple parish priest with such sanctity that he was later exalted as one of the Saints of the Church.

## Bigotry Raises Head Again In Glasgow.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Dublin, April 1.—Another attempt has been made by the Glasgow Committee of the Protestant Churches to excite public feeling against Irish Catholic residents in that city. During the election of the Educational Authority this Committee issued a manifesto complaining that the law was "favoring the Roman Church" and "had made it the richest church in Scotland." It also pointed out, as a further grievance, that "many of the Catholic teachers are members of religious Orders."

Of course the Catholic schools in Glasgow enjoy no rights or privileges denied to other schools. As the Irish Press has pointed out, the real grievance of those who foster this anti-Catholic campaign is that the Irish residents of Glasgow have, by their own efforts and self-sacrifice in the course of generations, provided their children with educational institutions which are the envy of their rivals.

## Cardinal Bourne Explains Meaning Of Nuns' Enclosure

London, April 1.—The grilles and spikes in an enclosed convent are not to keep the nuns in but to keep the world out, Cardinal Bourne told his audience at Gillingham, Dorset, this week, when His Eminence officiated at the solemn enclosure of a new Carmelite convent—the first in the County of Dorset.

The grounds and buildings were, according to custom, thrown open to the public before the ceremony, and hundreds of persons passed through. Fifteen hundred persons watched the solemn enclosure, and Cardinal Bourne, speaking in the open, explained the significance of the ceremony.

"A community such as the Carmelites is enclosed and protected in every possible way, not that we have any fear that the sisters wish to leave their enclusoure, but because we have some fear lest you you we have some fear lest you should want to enter too closely therein.

"You will see the grilles in the chapel and parlor. You will see the spikes. They are turned toward you. They indicate to the world outside that this is a sacred consecrated life."

The Gillingham community comes from the convent at Notting Hill, London.

## French And English Boy Scouts May Unite In Rome Pilgrimage

London, April 1.—The Catholic Boy Scouts of England are planning a pilgrimage to Rome. It is hoped they will join a body of French Catholic Scouts in Paris.

A demonstration of English Catholic Scouts in France would have the advantage of impressing upon French Catholics the fact that the Scout movement is not anti-Catholic, a prominent Scout organizer states. In France, where organizations that are not definitely Catholic are suspected of being anti-Catholic, the movement has found obstacles to its progress among Catholics.

Father C. C. Martindale, S. J., speaking at a Scout rally in Birmingham this week, stressed the advantages of Scout training in the formation of character. Scouting catered for the imagination of boys, he said.

"Exactly what superior persons are apt to regard as childish, is what is so valuable. The badges, the ribbons, the names and all the little gadgets; the camp fires, the songs, the romance of the thing. Dressing up, some people call it. Let them, provided they see that all respectable people go in for it; yes, right up to aldermen and the Lord Mayor, judges and generals—not to insist on bishops.

"You look carefully at a civic dignatory next time you catch him grumbling that he's got to wear his red cloak. He simply loves it!"

## N.C.C.M. To Assist In Full Observance Of Forestry Week

Washington, April 10.—The National Council of Catholic Men, through its affiliated organizations, will cooperate fully in the observance of American Forest Week, April 27 to May 3, Edward J. O'Connor, executive secretary of the N. C. C. M., has informed the American Forest Week Committee here.

The Council will serve as one as of the distributing agencies of the committee, mailing all its affiliated organizations copies of the special Forest Week pamphlet already prepared. In addition, a special letter will be sent all secretaries urging that committees be organized in the various cities and towns where the N. C. C. M. has units, to further the campaign. These committees will in turn arrange talks before local clubs and societies in which the need for forestation and the vast importance of forests to the natipnal welfare will be stressed.

## Stabilize The Home Gov. Donahey Tells Girl Interviewers

Columbus, April 6.—Stabilize the home as the unit of the nation was the mission suggested by Governor A. V. Donahey of Ohio to three Cleveland girls, who interviewed him between sessions of a state convention of students in journalism, which they were attending here.

"The home is the smallest unit in the government," the Governor said "and no government is going to be any better than its boys and girls. Success in citizenship depends upon integrity, energy, courage and initiative.

"Fathers and Mothers make sacrifices that their children may have a better education. Children should appreciate these sacrifices and be obedient.

"There are three fundamentals in life:

"First, to secure a worth while education; second, to pain a competency to protect our families and loved ones, third, service to others."

## English Mayor Heads Fund When Catholic Church Burns Down

London, April 1.—Following the destruction by fire of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bolton, a public fund, headed by the mayor, has been formed to carry on its social works. The Anglican vicar suggests that a retiring collection should be taken up in all churches, and other non-Catholic ministers have expressed their sympathy with the pastor, Father Leighton, who saw his church burn down just as its big debt had been paid off and consecration was in sight.

## Alabama Town Holds Mass Meeting to Act On Ku Klux Outrages

Jasper, Ala., April 6.—Recent floggings and other outrages with which the name of the Ku Klux Klan has been linked in this vicinity, have evoked a resolution of protest from the citizens of this city in mass meeting. The resolution also pledges support to the officers of the law and urges them to perform their full duty and enforce all laws "without regard to creed, race or condition."

After condemning "acts of violence in this county by people in disguise" the resolution goes on to say:

"Our government is a government of law where statutes and written constitutions are paramount, and there is no authority for punishment until convicted in a court of justice. There has been no occasion for punishment of any citizen by persons in disguise since General Nathan Bedford Forrest, Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, disbanded that organization, ordered the members to burn their regalia and no longer constitute a screen behind which criminals, as well as good men, could hide."

Present at the meeting were several victims of recent outrages. They included: George Tallant who was abducted and flogged by masked men, after he had made some comments uncomplimentary to the Klan; Claude Harris who was also flogged; and W. O'Neal who was shot at and wounded when he resisted a band of masked persons who came to his home to try to abduct him. Former Probate Judge J. W. Shepherd presided.

## St. Peter's New Door Has Been Completed

By Msgr. Enrico Pucci
(Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, April 1.—The new door in the rear of the Vatican Basilica, made necessary by the large Holy Year crowds and the larger ones expected at the time of the Canonizations scheduled for next month, has now been practically completed.

As described in previous dispatches to the N. C. W. C. News Service the door is cut through the base of the famous monument to Pope Clement XIII, the work of Antonio Canova. The difficulties encountered in cutting this door offered another proof of the admirably solid construction of St. Peter's. The wall through which the door is cut is five meters thick with an external coating of Travertine Marble eighty centimeters thick. Workmen experienced the greatest difficulty in piercing this wall and on the first day they were compelled to stop work four times because of broken tools!

K. of C. Invites Coolidge

## Jesuits to Lecture To Sodalists While Making Pilgrimages

St. Louis, April 8.—The National Pilgrimage of Sodalists, their friends and families which will leave New York July 15 for Lisieux, Paris Lourdes, Marseilles, and other cities en route to Rome and which will visit on the return trip, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Milan, Paray-le Monial, Paris and other places is the only one which will have as chaplains, as many Fathers of the Society of Jesus as there are groups of fifty pilgrims.

These Jesuit Fathers will give lectures and explanations of the places to be visited by the pilgrims during the voyage across the ocean. Father Garesche has recently published a book called "God in His World" in which he gives vivid descriptions of many of the places to be visited, especially of Rome, of Paris Switzerland, Florence and Milan.

## Canadian Priest Sails With Irish Settlers For Edmonton Diocese

Dublin, April 1.—Father J. J. Quilty the Canadian priest who for a considerable time was explaining the possibilities of Canada to Irish people proposing to settle there, has sent a valedictory message from the ship's side at the moment of going home. "I was on a delicate mission, and the Irish people realized by difficulties, so they tried to make things agreeable for me," he said.

Father Quilty embarked for his native Canada with a few Irish ecclesiastics, postulants, and young laymen who resolved to chance the future in Archbishop (O'Leary's diocese, Edmonton, Western Canada. Among those who accompanied him was Father Gleason, of Ennis, Clare County.

"This native Irish priest," says Father Quilty, "will see what is being done for his people in 'sunny Alberta' and will be able to say 'Yes' or 'No' to the few in Ireland who may think of following us."

## Biography Of Pius X Prepared In Cause For Beatification

Rome, April 1.—"The Life of the Holy Pontiff", a biography of Pope Pius X, has just been published by those assigned to the postulation of the cause of the Beatification of that Pontiff. The book is written by Father Pierami, Rector of the Church of S. Prassede here and a member of the Vallombrosa Congregation of the Benedictines.

A dedication to the book is written by Cardinal Merry del Val as the "inspired collaborator and faithful minister" of Pius X. There is also a letter of eulogy by Cardinal Pompili, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Rome, and a brief preface to the noted historian of the Popes, Baron von Pastor, now the Austrian Minister to the Holy See.

Father Pierami has written the biography in a plain and simple style, in harmony with the character of the humble and gentle Pontiff who now seems destined for a speedy elevation to the honors of the altars.

## Program of Catholic Archbishop Messmer Forbids Burial Rites

Washington, April 10.—The program for the sixth annual meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association, to be held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Dec. 28 to 31, has been announced here by the Rev. Dr. Peter Guilday, of the Catholic University, secretary of the Association. It contains papers by some of the most eminent historians of the country.

Dr. Guilday calls attention to the decision of the executive council, at its December meeting in Philadelphia, that the program should be a symposium on church historians.

The papers are as follows: "Eusebius", by Dr. Roy J. Deferrari, Associate Professor of Greek, Catholic University; "Augustine", by the Rev. Joseph P. Christopher, M. A., Instructor in Latin, Catholic University; "Orosius", by John B. Knipfing, Ph. D., Professor of History, Ohio State University; "Gregory of Tours", by the Very Rev. Patrick J. Healy, S. T. D., Professor of Church History, Catholic University; "Beda the Venerable", by the Rev. Francis S. Betten, S. J., John Carroll University; "Odericus Vitalis", by Charles Wendell David, Ph. D., Associate Professor of History, Bryn Mawr College; "Las Casas", by Francis J. Tschan, Ph. D., Carnegie Institute of Technology; "Baronius", by the Very Thomas Plassmann, O. F. M., Ph. D., St. Bonaventure's College; "Bollandus", by the Rev. Mannhardt, S. J., University of St. Louis; "Mabillon", by the Rev. Athanasius Dengler, O.S.B., Conception Abbey; "Muratori", by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D. D., Rector of the Catholic University "Moehler", by the Rev. Leo F. Miller, D.D., Pontifical College Josephinum; "Lingard", by the Rev. Edwin J. Ryan, S. T. D., Instructor in English, Catholic University; "Hergenroother", by the Rev. Herman C. Fischer, D. D., Pontifical College Josephinum; "Janssen", by the Rev. Alfred Kaufmann, S. J., Creighton University; "John Gilmary Shea", by the Rev. Peter Guilday, Ph. D., Professor of Church History, Catholic University; "Ludwig von Pastor", by the Very Rev. Felix Fellner, O. S. B., St. Vincent's Archabbey, and "Denifle", by the Rev. Boniface Stratemeier, O. F., Ph. D., S. T. L., Catholic University.

## Methodist Organ Praises Catholic Bookrack Campaign

New York, April 8.—The Catholic bookrack campaign fostered by the N. C. W. C. Department of Publications and pushed in the field by the N. C. C. M. and N. C. C. W. is paid a singularly high tribute for its effectiveness and fairness, in the current issue of The Christian Advocate, one of the oldest and most powerful Methodist publications in the country.

"The slogan is raised, 'A Bookrack in Every Catholic Parish'" says the Advocate. "If it does for the parishes what the book-filled saddlebags did for America in the days of the circuit-rider it will do a great deal to make America Catholic, and it will do it in a way to which no fair-minded Protestant can object."

Describing the plan, the Advocate says:

"These attractive bookracks placed in churches and clubhouses, bring before the eye and within reach of the hand an assortment of pamphlets 'explaining the Catholic viewpoint on present-day problems.' The distribution of this literature is set forth as 'a simple, definite and helpful piece of work for Catholic men and women.'

"Admiral Benson, President of the National Council of Catholic Men, says of the plan:

"'The campaign to make Catholic Literature more accessible to the Catholic people through the installation of bookracks in churches, society and club meeting rooms should have the whole-hearted support of the Catholic laity throughout the land.'"

The Advocate prints a cut of the N. C. W. C. bookrack with the title "A Catholic Book Cafeteria." "It concludes its article with the words: "The Methodists themselves ought to use it (the idea back of the bookrack) more than they do nowadays."

## Church Is Guardian Of Rights of Labor Says Father Muntsch

St. Louis, April 6.—Christianity, and the Catholic Church in particular, is the natural guardian of the rights of the wage-earner declared the Rev. Albert Muntsch, S. J., of St. Louis University, in a sermon here at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Father Muntsch declared that the principles of Christianity define the rights of labor more clearly and fearlessly than the pronouncements of any labor organization. He called attention to the famous Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII and to the Social Reconstruction Program of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

"Some critics have censured Pope Leo's program for vagueness and generality", he said. "But as it was a world document intended to cover labor conditions as they existed in all Christendom, it could not well go into details. For nations differ in standards of living, in character, in the diversities of natural and industrial products, and in a multitude of other respects. Hence the encyclical could at best lay down broad principles.

"But the charge of vagueness cannot be brought and has not yet been brought against the new famous reconstruction program issued by the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. It is the unchallenged charter of American laboring men, the Magna Charta of his liberties.

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